

REMARKS

Claims 33-36 and 38-41 are pending. Claims 42-48 are hereby cancelled, without prejudice.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 33-36 and 38-41 are allowed. Applicants have amended claim 33 to correct an antecedent basis error in the claim.

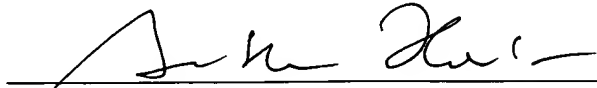
Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement with the Amendment of 05 October 2005. Applicants have received from the Examiner a signed copy of the FORM PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement, but the Examiner appears to have inadvertently neglected to initial the citation on the signed copy. Applicants hereby request a copy of the FORM PTO-1449, filed 05 October 2005, initialed by the Examiner to indicate consideration of the reference listed thereon.

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Office the references listed on the attached PTO Form, and request that they be considered by the Examiner. This information disclosure statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(4), and therefore no fee is due.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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